

**We were asked:**

How much has the Department spent in total on external legal advice in 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14

The top ten payments in each year, plus to whom it was paid and for what reason

**We replied:**

Wales Office spend on external legal services from 2010-11 to 2012-13 is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act. This is due to the information already being in the public domain and can be found in the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/leal-services>

The Departmental spend on external legal services in 2013-14 is £43,310. The final total may exceed this amount as we expect to receive further invoices for services provided in 2013-14.